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# EDITOR'S PAGE . . . . . LES LODGE

The following editorial appeared in the September 1966 issue of **"The Voice of the Turtle"**, official publication of the **Ancient Coin Club of America.** This editorial quite forcibly brings out several very important points in connection with an organization's magazine; and if the words "Calcoin News" were substituted for "The Turtle" it would quite aptly apply to our publication.

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It was the editor's privilege to submit a report of his stewardship to the assembled members of the Ancient Coin Club of America at Chicago on August 17th last. It is fitting here, in an issue describing that meeting, to paraphrase in essence, what was said a month ago.

"Unlike other officers in the club whose work often must go unheralded, the products of your editor's efforts are before you each month. This final result of such labor is yours to judge in the form of an issue of the "Voice of the Turtle", and on those issues and to your judgment thereof your editor must rest his case.

"In the past 22 issues, one article has been rejected. This was not on the subject of coins, but rather on the subject of collectors. It was felt that the material was both inappropriate and offensive. Any editor must have the right to be the ultimate arbiter of what appears in print and what is rejected, but this power, particularly in an organization such as ours, must be used with great discretion.

"The articles which have appeared are written by members. Many of these appear as they were written; others have required editing and upon rare occasions, re-writing. Ultimately, the responsibility for what appears in this magazine lies with you. "The Turtle" can only print what is submitted to it by those who read it and support it.

"Therefore it is possible to pass the onus to you. If there are among you any who feels that "The Turtle" is not what you would like it to be, if there are any among you who wants us to publish some special material—to him let me say that the responsibility for such change lies not with the editor. It lies with you.

"The Voice of the Turtle" speaks in many lands. It spans every continent —it reaches beyond the 'iron curtain'. It and it alone provides the tenuous network which binds the international fraternity of specialists in ancient coins, wherever they are.

"This magazine has gained for itself a reputation, justly, I trust, as one of the important numismatic publications issued on a monthly basis. That it has become so is not the result of one person's efforts but rather it is the cumulative work of many— the editor; the publishers who have lavished such diligent love and effort upon it, to be sure; but more important, our members who have generously taken of their time and their own peculiar knowledge and shared this with the rest of their brethren.

"The future of "The Turtle" will be what its past has been, what you decide it ought to be."

All that can be added to this is a public expression of gratitude upon the part of the editor to all those who have contributed material for publication, to all those authors who have patiently worked with him, and to all those fine people who have written letters of both compliment and criticism, and finally to the publishers with whom the editor has worked in close harmony for 18 months and to whom, both he and the entire membership owe a debt which will never be repaid.

**—JOHN E. HARTMANN, Editor**

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## LADY LEARNS OF STATEHOOD

David Beat, who manages the American Handicrafts Co., of Albuquerque, N. Mex., is wondering when word will get around that New Mexico has joined the union.

A California customer sent 11 Mexican pesos ("Your kind of money", she wrote) for a $9.95 hanging lamp kit which had been advertised in the Albuquerque Tribune.

Beat wrote the lady, explaining that New Mexico is a part of the USA, crediting the pesos towards 88 cents of her purchase.

**COIN WORLD, Jan. 4, 1967**

# SACRAMENTO CONVENTION

**Remember the Event:—CSNA 40th semi-annual convention.**

**Remember the Dates:—April 13-16, 1967.**

**Remember the Place:—Sacramento Inn, Highway Interstate 80, on the east side of Sacramento.**

Preparations for this outstanding convention are coming along fine. All committees are functioning and all indications point to a most interesting and successful convention.

Following is the tentative program, subject to minor changes. The official program will be on hand at the time of registration.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12**

7:00 PM—Security room opens.
11:55 PM—Security room closed.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 13**

8:00 AM—Security room opens.
8:00 AM—Convention floor opens for dealers and for the placement of exhibits.
10:00 AM—Convention officially opens. Registration desk, bourse and exhibit areas open.
10:00 AM—Hospitality room opens.
10:00 PM—Bourse and exhibit areas closed.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 14**

9:00 AM—Bourse room open to dealers.
9:30 AM—Special Tour. Meet in Hotel Lobby.
10:00 AM—Registration desk, and bourse and exhibit rooms open.
10:00 AM—Hospitality room opens.
1:30 PM—Ladies Luncheon. "Use Your Imagination" by Mrs. Fred Schroeder.
3:00 PM—CSNA Executive Board Meeting.
8:00 PM—Numismatic Forum.
10:00 PM—Bourse and exhibit areas closed.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 15**

9:00 AM—Bourse room open to dealers.
10:00 AM—Registration desk, and bourse and exhibit rooms open.
10:00 AM—Hospitality room opens.
10:30 AM—CSNA Business Meeting. Election of officers.
1:30 PM—Auction, first session.
2:30 PM—California Exonumist Society quarterly meeting.
6:30 PM—Cocktail hour (no host).
7:30 PM—Banquet, presentation of awards and entertainment. (Bourse remains open.)
11:00 PM—Bourse and exhibit rooms closed.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 16**

9:00 AM—Bourse room open to dealers.
10:00 AM—Registration desk, and bourse and exhibit rooms open.
10:00 AM—Sunday brunch. Hotel dining room.
10:00 AM—Hospitality room opens.
1:30 PM—Auction, second session.
5:00 PM—Removal of exhibits.
6:00 PM—Convention officially adjourned.
7:30 PM—Security room closed.

**MONDAY, APRIL 17**

8:00 AM—Security room opens.
10:00 AM—Security room closed.

# *Origin and History of the Host Club*

By DARVIN L. REISWIG, Sacramento

The **Sacramento Valley Coin Club** began when two avid coin collectors, Lew Walker and the late Steve Reynolds, met regularly to discuss their coins and the coins of interest to them. Soon Darvin L. ("Ace") Reiswig joined them, and they started meeting on a regular basis with each in turn acting as host in his home. Others joined the group until there were six. A local newspaper ran an article telling of their hobby, and asking anyone else interested in coins to attend a meeting called for Sept. 24, 1956. Twenty-four persons met and formed the nucleus of the club. At the first meeting acting officers were elected to fill out the remainder of the year; Lew Walker, president; K. O. Owens, secretary; and J. R. Smith, treasurer. Donations by those present started the club treasury with a sum of $15.85. It was decided to hold two meetings a month, with the first being a business meeting and the second a social and swap session.

At the November meeting the club formally adopted the name Sacramento Valley Coin Club, and decided to hold the charter membership time open through the first meeting in January, 1957, at which time the club roster contained 21 paid-up members. From this beginning SVCC has grown to one of the larger in Northern California, with a paid-up membership in 1966 of more than 220.

In December of 1956 an election was held for the 1957 officers, with the following elected: John Funaro, president; Lew Walker, vice president; J. B. Smith, treasurer; and Dorothy Crites, secretary.

The club held its first competitive coin display in 1957 at one of its regular meetings. In 1958 the club sponsored its first Coin-a-Rama, with dealers coming from throughout the state.

The club had somewhat of a first in 1959, when it rented its own building on a full time basis. It was kept open seven days a week to members and their guests and a once a week free appraisal to the general public was started. The club also was active in National Coin Week with displays in several downtown stores.

In 1962 SVCC took over active sponsorship of an annual Christmas party for the children in the three local Childrens Homes. All the children were given at least three different packages with their names on them, called out by Santa Claus; plus a turkey dinner with all the trimmings; a two-hour entertainment by live entertainers both professional and amateur. The children were transported to the party on the Sacramento Fire Department engines and hook and ladder rigs with a police escort — which was a highlight of the party for the children. The gifts which were given to the children were either bought by the club and its members or were gathered by them from the local merchants and then taken to a central location where the club members sorted and wrapped them to the individual children's needs. They were tagged for each child. The party was continued through 1963 and 1964, at which time it had to be discontinued.

For the past two years a donation has been made to the Sacramento City-County Library to buy numismatic books for its reference room; and the club in December of 1966 donated an additional $150 to the ANA Building Furnishing Fund to buy a chair or chairs for the directors room.

In 1962 SVCC was host to the 30th semi-annual CSNA convention held at the El Dorado Hotel. Lew Walker served as general chairman, with "Ace" Reiswig as assistant. One of the highlights of the show was the several thousand silver dollars, sprinkled generously with Carson City mint marks. These CC dollars could be redeemed at $5 each. Not one of them was redeemed! The dollars were made available to those attending the convention at face value.

One of the club members, Alva Inslee, would visit any school that wished his services to show coins and to talk to the students about coin collecting; and for several years Earl and Marie Cantrell sponsored a student coin club at the Natomas School which had 26 members.

The club has numerous books and

numismatic magazines that are kept in one of the member's store for the use of the club members.

The club has occasional picnics for the members, their families and friends, and an annual Christmas party with an exchange of coin gifts. Refreshments and entertainment are furnished by the club. An annual installation dinner is held, the last one on January 11, with an attendance of 80 persons. Les Lodge, editor of "Calcoin News", was installing officer for the 1967 slate of officers.

Club meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month in the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post No. 67 Building, 2784 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento.

Past presidents of the club are: 1957—John Funaro; 1958—Lew Walker; 1959—Darvin Reiswig; 1960—Mrs. Frances Ferderer; 1961—Dwight King; 1962—Lew Walker; 1963—Joe Cohen; 1964—John Mullin; 1965—Mrs. Dorothy Fumal; 1966—Darvin Reiswig; and 1967—A. G. "Hap" Yeager.

The club is pleased to be for a second time host to the California State Numismatic Association, and all members are working hard to make this a very successful affair.

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# Meet Your General Chairman

**DARVIN L. ("ACE") REISWIG** was born June 23, 1930 in Bowden, North Dakota. His family moved to California in 1933, where they lived in Lodi and on farms near Lodi. Here he attended the public grade schools and the Lodi Union High School.

"Ace" moved to Sacramento in 1951 where he worked for several floor covering firms while serving his apprenticeship in that field.

He was drafted into the service in 1952, and went to Korea in 1953 where he served with the U. S. Army 2nd Division, attaining the rank of sergeant. He returned home in 1954, after his tour of duty had been completed.

One day, shortly after he had returned to Sacramento, he went into a local book store to try to find a book that he had started to read in Korea that was in serial form in Collier's magazine. Unable to find that particular book he instead purchased a book on U.S. coins and their values. Soon afterwards he became a very avid coin collector.

Early in 1956, "Ace", Lew Walker and the late Steve Reynolds took turns as host to the other two and anyone else who would come, and started having coin swapping get-togethers in their homes. In October 1956 they sent out a request on the radio, TV and local papers for anyone interested in coins to get together with them and attempt to start a coin club. With a turnout of about 30 people, the Sacramento Valley Coin Club was started. Today it now has a paid membership of more than 200.

"Ace" was the assistant general chairman of the CSNA 30th semi-annual convention in Sacramento in 1962. Shortly after that he took out his license for selling coins, mainly through mail order and at conven-

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# THE UNHERALDED BEAUTIFUL UNITED STATES $3 GOLD PIECE

By RAY BOWER, Ojai

The $3 gold, a series of coins that was created in an era of romance, pioneers, uncertainty and a somewhat general state of confusion.

Picture if you will a new nation with a population of 26,000,000 people; a nation that was divided between the North and South in feeling toward slavery, (in fact the issue of slavery was brought to the attention of the voters in the states of Kansas and Nebraska); a nation with $14,632,136 in the Treasury; a nation proud of its mineral wealth as gold was flowing out of the recently discovered gold fields in California; a nation that had the affairs of Cuba as a prominent topic of discussion. Thus was an era that demanded the unusual and demanded convenience. This was met with the creation of a coin that was for the express purpose of purchasing, with a single coin, 100 three-cent stamps, the then existing postal rate. We already had in circulation a three-cent silver piece that could purchase single units. And this $3 gold series was to terminate with the change of the postal rate to two cents.

The beautiful $3 was designed by the fourth mint engraver, James B. Longacre, who had designed the readily accepted $1 and $20 gold coins of 1849, and was to later design our very popular Indian head cent. In fact the basic design is the same as is found on the Type III $1 gold issue, but this coin (the $3 gold) was to enjoy the same distinction as the 20c issue and the half cents, as being among the most unpopular coins in our history. Regardless of how it was accepted in the era, it is now being appreciated as a true work of beauty.

The coin was authorized by the Act of Feb. 21, 1853, weighing 77.4 grains with a fineness of .900. On the obverse a (princess) Indian head wearing a crown of eagle feathers, the band of which is inscribed "LIBERTY", with UNITED STATES OF AMERICA around the outside. The Reverse: 3 DOLLARS with the date within a wreath of corn, wheat, cotton and tobacco. Size, 13 mm.

The first coins issued, dated 1854, differ from the balance of the issue in that the word DOLLARS is much smaller. Again in 1861 there was a very minor change in that the date is a slight bit smaller. This series is without the many trial and experimental pieces that are found in other series of coins, in fact few are known.

The total mintage for all years from 1854 to 1889 was 539,792 pieces, amounting to $1,619,376, or only slightly more total mintage than the scarce 1909S-VDB cent.

They were struck at Philadelphia, at Dahlonega and New Orleans in 1854 only, and at San Francisco in 1855, 1856, 1857, 1860 and 1870, this latter year being unique.

I doubt that any collector of U. S. coins could help but observe the tremendous popularity and price rise that the $3 gold series has taken in the past few years. Collectors have suddenly realized how scarce these coins really are, how difficult it is to try to assemble a complete set, and that the issue represents the lowest total mintage of any regularly issued United States coinage.

Much has been said as to the rarity of the different years and mints. Of course, all will agree that the rarest of the "three's" is the 1870S, as it is reported only two copies were struck, one being placed in a cornerstone in San Francisco, and the other, and only collectible coin, is found in the Eliasberg collection in New York.

Aside from this date, they range in scarcity as follows: 1875 is the rarest of the collectible dates having been issued only in proof with a mint report of 20 being struck. But there is evidence of other coins having been struck as this date is known in three types and a writer, in a study made some years ago, reported knowing of at least 31 copies.

The second rarest is the 1876, which was struck also only in proof with a mint record of 45 pieces being issued. Only one type has been found for this year, and it is believed that the mint records must have been complete and that the figure of 45 is factual. I

might add, after many years of observing this date, that very few gem coins have become available, possibly less than ten, as they are most often found, when offered, in impaired condition.

This date is followed by the 1873 struck only in proof, with a mint record of 20, but with at least three types known. It finds its way to auction and sales more frequently than the before-mentioned dates. Extensive studies were made of the 1873 issue by Harry X. Boosel, and three distinct types were found.

I think this date is followed by the 1877, then the 1854D, this being the only year in which $3 coins were struck at the Dahlonega mint. The citizens of the area were proud of their mint and its products, so probably this, of all the $3's, was the most accepted, and it found its way into many hands. As a result it is almost impossible to find in gem uncirculated condition. (I have never seen one.)

Then a general list of scarcity is as follows: 1881, 1865, 1858, 1885 and so on.

In closing I might add that one has only to look at the mintage figures, realize that this was 100 years ago, and remember that the few coins that are collectible today have survived the ravishes of time, catastrophies, the surrendering of gold to the government in 1933, etc., and the great deal of interest shown by so many collectors, making this a coin one can be proud to possess.

(Reprint from Santa Barbara Coin Club "NUMISMA.")

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## THE NAKED TRUTH — A CORRECTION

The initial paragraph of the article entitled "The Naked Truth," page 14, Winter 1967 issue of Calcoin News, tends to misinform the reader of the true significance of the quoted paragraph attributed to a "British newspaper of the 1890's and relates strange security precautions taken at the time in the mint of Japan".

The mention of the mint in Yeddo definitely places this mint in Tokyo. Yeddo was renamed Tokyo (meaning eastern capital) in 1868. The governmental mint of Japan in the 1890s was not in Tokyo, but in Osaka where the Japanese had installed the modern-style equipment acquired from Hongkong in 1870. The old-style Ginza mint of Yeddo then ceased to exist, so there could not have been a mint in Tokyo at that time.

The description of the precautions taken in the mint apply to the old-style mint of Yeddo, and describes a routine in vogue prior to 1876.

We are able to reproduce the scene described from a Japanese work entitled Dainihon Kaheishi (History of Japanese Coins) by Yoshiko Kensuki, published in 1876. This work, which I have in my library, depicts all the processes and events which took place in the old-style mint in more than a hundred double-page drawings. These have been reproduced in several other Japanese numismatic publications.

**—H. F. BOWKER**

## NATIONAL COIN WEEK

**"Numismatics, Portrait of History"** is the theme for this year's **National Coin Week, April 22-29.**

Ancient Coins — Odd and Curious Items — Modern Coins of Europe and Asia — our own United States Coins —all fit into this category. Get out those coins you have put away to study at a later date. Get them out now! Study them, do some research on them — and you will have the material for a most interesting exhibit (to say nothing of the material for an article in a numismatic publication. Keep Calcoin News in mind.)

Our members will have many interesting and educational exhibits at our CSNA convention, April 13-16. Why not use these for National Coin Week? One exhibit can serve two purposes.

Individuals and local clubs may participate in this most important phase of our numismatic activities. For complete details as to how to be eligible for an award, where and how to exhibit, etc., write to the National Coin Week chairmen, Sgt. Rick and Virginia Bronson, P.O. Box 241, Grandview, Missouri 64030.

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"I want my money back," wrote the customer, responding to an ad that clearly stated: "Your money refunded if not entirely satisfactory." Back came the reply: "Your money is entirely satisfactory and therefore we decline to return it."

# THE FIRST U.S. MINT

F. W. GUTEKUNST, M.D., San Bernardino

On Sept. 17, 1965 ground was broken in Philadelphia at Fifth and Arch Sts., for the world's biggest and most modern mint. This new 37 million dollar plant is actually the fourth U.S. mint to be erected in Philadelphia, but its site is only a few feet from where ground was broken in 1792 on Seventh St. near Arch for the first U.S. mint.

To the layman, small change is in much a part of his existence that he is unaware of the trials and tribulations, both past and present, that have brought our coinage to its present state of perfection. A glance at the past should enable us to appreciate in some small degree the debt of gratitude we all owe to the founders, officers and workmen of the U.S. mint.

Pre-revolutionary coinage was a hodge podge of all the European countries with whom we traded. English guineas, German thalers, French louis, Dutch ducats and Spanish doubloons and milled dollars all circulated and were valued in terms of the English shilling with a different value in each colony making for great confusion.

Plans for the mint were formulated for more than a decade before a single coin was struck. The Articles of Confederation, dated July 9, 1778, gave Congress the sole right and power to regulate the alloy and value of coins. Robert Morris, patriot and financier of the Revolution, was instructed to prepare a report on the foreign coins which were in circulation in America at that time. Together with a complicated money unit he presented a comprehensive plan for establishing a mint. Thomas Jefferson in 1784, then a member of the House of Representatives, submitted a report disagreeing with Morris' complicated money unit and urging the adoption of the decimal system. This made it possible for Congress on April 7, 1792 to grant authority for the establishment of a United States mint, and just seven days later President Washington appointed David Rittenhouse, an eminent scientist, astronomer and philosopher, as director. Because Jefferson devised the decimal system and had made other constructive suggestions about coinage, Washington placed the mint under his supervision. Since he was also Secretary of State the mint came under that department and continued to do so for many years.

Washington proceeded immediately to carry out the intent of the Act,

and as Philadelphia was then the seat of the government he provided for the erection of the suitable buildings. On the lot stood a distillery owned by a Frederick Wailer, a surgeon barber, and his wife. The annual ground rent was 21 Spanish pieces of eight. Wailer was quite astute for he had purchased the property in 1790 for 515 pounds, and turned it over to the government for 1600 pounds. The day following its purchase, July 19, 1792, destruction of the old distillery building began. Some of the junk was sold for $1, which mint director David Rittenhouse directed should be laid out for punch for the workmen. The foundation stone was laid in the new building July 31, 1792. The foundation was completed and ready for the superstructure on Aug. 25. The work pushed forward rapidly after that date, and it is noted that on Sept. 7, six pounds of old copper was purchased at 1 shilling and 3 pence a pound, this being the first purchase of copper for coining.

Three coining presses were imported from Europe, delivered Sept. 21, and were in operation within a month, being used to strike the half dimes Washington makes mention of in his annual address to Congress Nov. 6, 1792, as follows: "There has also been a small beginning in the coinage of half dimes; the want of a small coin in circulation calling the first attention to them". Washington is reputed to have contributed the silver for this early issue.

It is known that the first power used was a horse mill—four horses supplying power for the rolling mill—and that the coin presses were operated by hand, until 1836 when steam power was installed. The first regular return of coins from the chief coiner to the treasurer of the mint took place March 11, 1793 and consisted of 11,178 cents. By October 1794 Director Rittenhouse reported that nearly a million cents had been coined, and nearly 120,000 ounces of bullion had been deposited for coinage, and that a large supply of planchets were on hand for coinage of silver dollars.

As usual criticism accompanied the mints early progress. A Congressional Committee revealed that a total of $58,394.61 had been spent during the first two years of operation. The biggest item, $22,720.00, was for machinery and equipment. Thrifty Congressmen also raised an eyebrow at an item of $15,591.99 spent over a two-year period on the mint payroll. Robert Scott, the first engraver, received $1200.00 a year .

Production fell short of expectations due chiefly to a dearth of skilled workmen and inefficiency of the equipment. The mint's greatest predator, disease, namely yellow fever, forced mint operations to be suspended again and again in the years 1797 to 1803. This aggravated the already difficult labor problems so that by 1799 workers were compelled to sign a bond or agreement to return to their jobs after the yellow fever epidemic had subsided, "on penalty of twenty pounds".

The increasing coinage demands of the new nation, combined with the basic inefficiency of the almost primitive methods, were rapidly terminating the useful life of the old mint as the second decade of the 19th century wore on. By March 2, 1829, Congress provided for the erection of a new mint edifice which took over in 1833. The mint property was offered at public auction January 1836 and was bought by Michall Kates, a bell hanger, for $8100. The historic landmark was to stand for another 70 years before being swallowed up by the jaws of progress. Contributing to the perpetuity of the old mint's memory however are the products of our first 40 years of coinage, among them many of the most prized U.S. numismatic specimens.

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tions. In June 1964 he leased a store at his present location, 5518 - 24th St., Sacramento, and opened the "Common to Key Coin Co.", this being Sacramento's most modern coin shop and the first shop in Sacramento to feature nation-wide teletype.

Besides being the third president of the Sacramento Valley Coin Club, he held every office in the club except recording secretary. He was president for a second time in 1966. "Ace", as you know, is general chairman for the coming CSNA 40th semi-annual convention, April 13-16, at the Sacramento Inn, Sacramento.

"Ace", his wife Juanita, and their three children make their home in Sacramento.

# *Calendar of Numismatic Events*

## CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

April 13-16, 1967.....Sacramento Inn, Sacramento
Darvin L. "Ace" Reiswig, general chairman, 5518-24th St., Sacramento
A. G. "Hap" Yeager, asst. general chairman, 1820 Eye St., Sacramento
Frank Roza Jr., bourse chairman, 3632 El Camino Real, Palo Alto
Robert Martin, exhibit chairman, 5517 Moddison Ave., Sacramento

Nov. 2-5, 1967.....Disneyland
William O. Wisslead, general chairman, 2053 Cypress Ave., Santa Ana
Charles S. Geers, asst. general chairman, 8021 Mermaid, Huntington Beach
Warren E. Bunge, bourse chairman, 1418 N. Main St., Santa Ana
Phillip H. Sheridan, exhibit chairman, 17872 Norwood Park, Tustin

May 2-5, 1968.....Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco
John D. Sears, general chairman, 15 Poncetta Dr., Daly City
Roy Hill, asst. general chairman, 1140 Sutter St., San Francisco
Milton C. Strauch, asst. general chairman, 77 Westbrook Ave., Daly City
Aldo P. Basso, bourse chairman, 132 West 25th Ave., San Mateo
Chester Zaczkiewicz, exhibit chairman, 477 Clipper St., San Francisco

Fall, 1968.....Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles

### OTHERS

March 27.....Peninsula Coin Club Fifth Annual Open House
Recreation Center, 1405 Middlefield Rd., Palo Alto

April 1-2.....Redding Numismatic Society
Annual North State Coinarama.....Shasta College Cafeteria, Redding
Gordon Short, Box 1831, Redding

April 9.....San Francisco Coin Club, Fourth Annual Coin Fair
Hall of Flowers, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco
Roy Hill, general chairman, P.O. Box 6028, San Francisco

April 22-29.....National Coin Week

May 7.....Redwood Empire Coin Club Third Coin-A-Rama
El Rancho Tropicana Motor Lodge, 2200 Santa Rosa Ave., Santa Rosa
Mrs. Russell Tieman, 2121 Dutton Ave., Santa Rosa

May 21.....Covina Coin Club, Sixth Annual Coinarama
Masonic Temple, 204 W. Foothill, Monrovia
Frank Strauss, general chairman, 623 W. Lemon, Monrovia

May 21.....Napa Valley Coin Club Third Annual Coin Show
Napa County Fair Grounds
Hazel E. Riffe, Secretary, P.O. Box 2154, Napa

June 9-11.....West Coast Numismatic Association Exhibition
McCabe Hall, San Jose
Samuel H. Fleshman, general chairman, Box 965, San Jose

June 23-25.....Convention of International Numismatics
International Hotel, Los Angeles
Harold G. Bavaird, general chairman, 695 Las Casas, Pacific Palisades

July 1-2.....San Bernardino County Coin Club
Fourth Annual Coin Show.....Orange Show Grounds Cafeteria
Sylvia Novack, general chairman, Box 729, San Bernardino

Aug. 8-12.....American Numismatic Association
76th Annual Convention, Americana Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida
Sidney W. Smith, general chairman, 2512 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Fla.

Sept. 30-Oct. 1.....San Diego County Inter-Club Numismatic Council
Tenth Annual Coinarama

Aug. 31-Sept. 2.....Canadian Numismatic Association
Fourteenth Annual Convention, Chateau Laurier Hotel, Ottawa
Mrs. Earl C. Grandmaison, convention secretary, 551 Broadview Ave., Ottawa 13, Ontario, Canada

Sept. 14-17.....Northern California Numismatic Association
Sixth Annual Convention, Jack Tar Hotel, San Francisco
Mrs. Lillian Hooker, secretary, 1664 Fairwood Ave., San Jose

REPORTS FROM . . .

# OUR OUT-OF-STATE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

**Art Lovi,** our Pensacola, Fla., member, has been appointed head judge of exhibits at the 1967 ANA convention next August at Miami, Fla. Lovi has been instructed to set up a system whereby ANA will have qualified judges for all exhibits in the future.

Being an exhibit judge is a tough job—but we are sure Art is equal to it.

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The ANA Numismatic Terms Committee is a regular "Who's Who" of our Out-of-State members. Included in the committee are: **Mrs. Virginia Culver, Chester Krause, John J. Pittman, Russell Rulau, R. S. Yeoman** and **Matt Rothert.**

ANA president Rothert stated: "The purpose of this committee is to develop definitions of numismatic terminology so that all collectors will be able to understand them. The scope of the committee is to study and define all ambiguous terms and to give publicity to these definitions."

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**Robert Lan Franco,** of Salem, Oregon, wrote our secretary: "Just a note written in a hurry to thank you and the rest of the board for my life membership. I have been collecting now 36 years, and enjoyed the hobby at its most. We are engaged at present in the coin and stamp supply business; and at present I am president of the Caveman Coin Club of Grants Pass, and president of the Illinois Valley Coin and Stamp Club of Cave Junction. So, it keeps me busy."

Bob is a charter member of CSNA; and from the tone of his note he indeed keeps busy numismatically.

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We are pleased to announce that **Maurice Gould,** formerly of Massachusetts, has joined our ranks as a CSNA member.

Maurice spent a considerable period of time out here last summer, and many of us were most pleased to meet him for the first time. Also, we heard rumors at that time that he was contemplating moving to California—and which rumors are now a fact.

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A belated Birthday Greetings to the firm of **Spink and Son, Ltd.,** London, England, who last year celebrated its 300th anniversary.

According to all reports this is the oldest numismatic firm in the world. Have any of our readers any records as to the next oldest firm?

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A report in "World Coin" stated that our London, England, member **Herbert A. Seaby** has been appointed chairman of the board of directors of the firm of B. A. Seaby, Ltd.

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Congratulations to **Jack Koch** on his appointment last August to the position of Executive Director of the American Numismatic Association.

We are sure that Jack will do an outstanding job.

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**Ralph F. Cleaver,** our Brighton, Colo., member, advises that he is a candidate for election as a member of the ANA Board of Governors.

Good luck to you, Ralph.

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Congratulations to **Edward C. Rochette** on his appointment as editor of "The Numismatist".

Rochette takes over from our Oak Park, Ill. member, **Glenn B. Smedley,** who recently resigned from this very important position.

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**Rear Admiral Oscar Dodson** has been appointed director of the Classical and European Culture Museum in Lincoln Hall at the University of Illinois. There are approximately 15,000 items in the museum.

This will be but another "feather in his cap", as he has handled many important positions of a similar nature in the past.

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From **Hans Schulman** of New York City came a request to forward a copy of the Fall 1965 issue of "Calcoin News" to X. F. Calico (President of the International Association of Professional Numismatists) at Barcelona, Spain.

How "Calcoin News" does get around! A copy was immediately forwarded to Mr. Calico, and a reply was received from him acknowledging receipt of same.

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From **Josephine E. Graf,** Laurelton Gardens, Buck Town, New Jersey, came the following letter to our secretary: "I didn't have the renewal fee when June 30, 1966 rolled around and so told you to cancel my membership. But I miss my subscription to "Calcoin" so much. Do hope I am not too late to renew it."

Needless to say, her membership has been re-instated.

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From **Ray Byrne,** our Pittsburgh, Penna., member, came the following commendation: "I can honestly say that your work and the "Calcoin News" are one of the outstanding magazines in numismatics today. You really give excellent coverage to all phases of the field and still keep it quite personalized for the CSNA members."

A commendation such as the above is greatly appreciated by myself, my assistant editors and the officers of CSNA.

Also from Ray came advice that he is running for re-election to the ANA Board of Governors. Good luck to you, Ray.

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**Richard S. Yeoman,** vice president of the Whitman Publishing Co., Racine, Wisc., wrote our secretary: "I would like very much to take advantageof the life membership offer, and am enclosing a remittance to cover. I think this is a fine idea, and needless to say, I am proud to be included in this group."

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**Sol Kaplan** of Cincinnati, Ohio, advised our secretary: "Count me in on the Life Membership, and my check is enclosed".

It is indeed gratifying to our CSNA officers to see the very favorable response to our Life Membership program, and especially from our Out-of-State members.

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Our member from "Down Under", **W. deVroom,** 69 Torres Street, Newborough, Vic., Australia, recently wrote Milton Strauch: "Are any of the club members interested in Australian ½ and 1 pennies, f - ef condition, in exchange for Lincoln cents. I am particularly desirous of securing the older dates, 1909-1930. Also am interested in Buffalo nickels".

Both Milton Strauch and your editor can vouch for the integrity and honesty of Bill, and hope that some of our members will be able to set up an exchange system with him.

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Milton Strauch also advises that a new coin club has been formed in Dunedin, New Zealand, and that they are desirous of obtaining coin books and numismatic references, particularly those appealing to the junior members.

Any of our members wishing to donate a numismatic publication to this new club may send it to Milton Strauch, 77 Westbrook Ave., Daly City, Calif. 94015, or direct to M. Arron, 72 Manor Place, Dunedin, New Zealand.

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From Klamath Falls, Ore., came a report that our member in that city, **Melvin Carmichael,** was the subject of an article in a recent issue of the Klamath Falls Herald and News. The article reviewed his coin collection and his activities in the hobby.

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Under date of Jan. 12, **W. deVroom** advised: "Right now it has been discovered that a large amount of fake $10 bills are in circulation, but although many people have been charged with distributing and possession, they've still not found the plates. There could be as much as $1 million face value produced. Lots of people are very wary to take $10 bills, and this caused a temporary shortage of $1 and $2 bills. We haven't any $5 bills yet, although it should not be very long before these are introduced".

As our readers will recall, deVroom is the author of two very fine articles: "Preparations For 'C' Day in Australia", Calcoin News, Summer 1965, and "Currency Conversion in Australia," Calcoin News, Fall 1966.

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From **E. Victor Snell,** St. Catharines, Ont., Canada, came the following letter:

"It was very thoughtful of you to write me a word of congratulations on my completion of one year as editor of the Canadian Numismatic Association's Journal. I certainly have enjoyed the work although it has been quite onerous at times. I have enjoyed reading Calcoin News, and was particularly pleased to read that

you had been awarded the Medal of Merit. Congratulations."

As editor of Calcoin News, I can also state that I have enjoyed reading the CNA Journal, and that Victor is doing an outstanding job with that monthly publication.

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**Rick** and **Virginia Bronson**, co-chairmen of National Coin Week (April 22-29), advise: "Thank you for the National Coin Week coverage in Calcoin News. We have enjoyed your publication a great deal, and only wish that we could afford to subscribe to more magazines and newspapers. Keep up the good work for numismatics."

Rick and Virginia had been promised good coverage in Calcoin News for National Coin Week — which certainly is a very important part of our numismatic activities.

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Two CSNA members — **John M. Barry** of Reno, Nev., and **Jake B. Sureck** of Oklahoma City, Okla., were among the twenty persons recently appointed by President L. B. Johnson to the 1967 Assay Commission, which met in Washington, D.C., Feb. 8.

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# LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

We wish to thank the many people who have contributed material to our library. We are particularly grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shake for their untiring efforts on our behalf. Thanks also to Paul Weiger for the book on Wooden Money.

Please add the following books to your library list:

A-8 American Numismatic Society. International Medallic Exhibit, 1910.
C-33 Coole, Arthur Braddon. Coins in China's History.
C-34 Craig, William D. Coins of the World, 1750-1850.
C-35 Clain-Stefanelli, E. Russian Gold Coins.
D-12 Doering, David R. The Collecting of Roman Coins Made Easy.
D-13 Di Bella, Emil. A History and Checklist of Wooden Money.
E-13 Eglit, Nathan N. Columbiana.
G-16 Guren, Jay and Richard Ugan. Carnival Panorama.
J-4 Jacobs, Norman and C. Vermuele. Japanese Coinage.
J-5 Jaeger, Kurt. Coins of the German Empire Since 1871.
J-6 Johnson, Gerald. Trade Tokens of Wisconsin.
K-23 Kenney, Richard D. Early American Medalists and Die Sinkers.
K-24 King, Robert P. Lincoln in Numismatics.
L-12 Lamb, Robert A. Check List of the Coins of Nicaragua.
M-34 McLachlan, Robert W. Canadian Communion Tokens.
M-35 Miller, Henry C. The State Coinage of Connecticut.
M-36 Metcalf, D. M. Coinage of the Balkans.
O-1 Overton, A. C. Early Half Dollar Die Varieties. A Supplement.
P-7 Pridmore, F. Coins of the British Commonwealth. Asian Territories.
R-32 Robinson, Charles M. Coins of Central America, 1733-1965.
R-33 Remick, Jerome and A. Almanazar. Coinage of Dominican Republic.
R-34 Rochette, Edward C. Medallic Portraits of J. F. Kennedy.
S-39 Severin, H. M. Silver Coinage of Imperial Russia, 1682-1917.
T-8 Taxay, Don. The U.S. Mint and Coinage.
U-3 Utberg, Neil S. Coins of the Mexican Revolution, 1910-1917.
U-4 Utberg, Neil S. Coins of the Republic of Mexico, 1823-1905, and the Empire of Maximilian, 1864-1867.
U-5 Utberg, Neil S. The Coins of Colonial Mexico, 1536-1821, and the Empire of Iturbide, 1821-1823.
U-6 Utberg, Neil S. Numismatic Sidelines of Mexico.
W-16 Werlich, Robert. Orders and Decorations of All Nations, Ancient and Modern, Civil and Military.

—DOROTHY BEAULIEU

# Who's Who In California Numismatics

## GWENDOLYN J. SENTIS

**By Ray Bower**

A true, sincere numismatist and ardent collector, born in Regina, Saskatchewan, on Oct. 27, 1934. In her early life she and her mother travelled around Eastern Canada with her father during his tour of duty with the Royal Canadian Air Force, and as a result her first years of education came in many, many schools. When her father was transferred to England, the family returned to Regina and Gwen finished her schooling in that city.

There was a tendency towards "collecting" even in those days, but in the line of stamps rather than coins. Numismatics did not enter the picture until she went to work for T. J. Hardie in the Treasury Office of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Hardie being a long-time avid collector with the result that almost everyone in the office soon became infected with the "collecting bug". The front page of her Coin Inventory Catalogue states that it was started on January, 1952 . . . and she has been actively involved in coin collecting ever since.

Gwen started out, of course, by being primarily interested in Canadian coins and even now is still trying to complete a B.U. year set of Canadian coins from 1934 to date. And strange as it may seem, it was not until the family moved to Santa Barbara in 1956 that she was able to complete, by securing that elusive 1890 "A" note, her type set of Canadian fractional currency (shinplasters).

Since coming to the U.S.A., she has broadened her collecting interests and just recently was able to complete a type set of Maundy Money from the first issue (hammered) of Charles II to the first issue of Elizabeth II, although her first Maundy coins were purchased in 1955. She is naturally quite proud of this particular collection and has displayed it many times, winning several awards. It includes three sets of Charles II, four for George III and three of Victoria.

But her interest is not limited to any given series. At present she is working on a 20th century U.S. type set in gem condition, which hangs in a frame on her office wall.

To say that she has been "actively involved" is almost an understatement. Gwen was secretary of the Regina Coin Club until she left Canada, and upon her arrival in Santa Barbara was happy to learn through newspaper publicity as a result of the C.S.N.A. convention held here, that a new coin club had been formed the previous March. She attended the November (1956) meeting, joined, and was promptly recruited by Roy Hamilton to act as recording secretary. She has served the club in one capacity or another during these ten years, and is still secretary—although she gave up the job for a short period, she served on the Board in the capacity of editor of the club bulletin. Under her guidance, in 1965 the Santa Barbara Coin Club undertook the publication of a monthly journal "Numisma", which was well received by collectors all over the United States. She was editor until it was discon-

tinued in December 1966 due to the club's lack of funds to carry on the project.

Gwen has always enjoyed researching and writing about her hobby and one of her articles, "Coins of Lundy Island", appeared in the C.S.N.A. Calcoin News in 1965. She also wrote about William J. Sexton in 1964 for the Calcoin News column "Who's Who in California Numismatics". She has accumulated a very nice numismatic library with reference books covering most every phase of coin collecting.

She is a long-time member of the Canadian Numismatic Association, having joined in 1953. Her membership number is 592. In 1963 she was elected their U.S.A. Western Regional Director when she attended the C.N.A. Convention in Vancouver that year. She still serves in that capacity. She joined the American Numismatic Association in 1955 and received No. 25321; she is member No. 1333 in the California State Numismatic Association, and Life Member No. 4 of the Santa Barbara Coin Club, originally being their member No. 29. She also belongs to many of the other clubs in the Tri-County area.

She has her own little business, "Gwen's Desk, Secretarial Service," which probably accounts for her long stint as club secretary — it sort of comes naturally!

Gwen truly loves our hobby and once she acquires a coin, it will almost take a national disaster to pry it loose. There is little doubt that she will still be in the midst of numismatics when she is a little old lady of 112 sitting in her rocking chair and reminiscing about those "good old days" when you could buy an S-VDB for $5 - $10.

I might add in closing that even though you probably won't hear Gwen making a lot of noise, her accomplishments are well received and needless to say appreciated by everyone who knows the work that she does.

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# ANA CONVENTION BADGES

Your editor has just received the following letter:

"I am contacting you in hopes of obtaining some information concerning **ANA Convention Registration Badges and Like Medals.**

"For some time I have been trying to acquire a complete set of the items mentioned above. It is my intention to exhibit this collection upon its competition. Further, to research the history concerning each of the badges such as the manufacturer, the designer, number manufactured, the meaning of the design, etc. All the information I receive will be passed along to Charles R. Hoskins, ANA Curator of Medals, at his request. This data will be added to the Association's records concerning their collection of badges and medals. I also intend to write an article for "The Numismatist" following completion of this project.

"The following dates are the issues I still need to complete my collection and information concerning same: 1909, 1910, 1911, 1913, 1915, 1921, 1943 and 1944.

"So far, I have been able to purchase these items between the $3 to $5 range. However, please contact me regardless of your price. The badges I have listed above will, I am sure, command a slightly higher price because of their age.

"In closing I will be deeply grateful for any information received or any help given towards the above requests."

Sincerely yours,

N. NEIL HARRIS
637½ Park Avenue
Lafayette, Indiana 47904

Harris is also desirous of information as to the ANA 1949 San Francisco convention badge and/or medals.

Number made (badge): —

Number made (medals): —
Bronze —
Silver —
Other —

Manufacturer: —
Address: —
Designer: —

Local Clubs assisting as hosts —

Persons I might contact to gain further information: —

Editor's note: Harris is a member of ANA, TAMS and several local clubs. Certainly there must be some CSNA members who will be able to help him in this project.

# *North of the Tehachapis*

By JERRY KROEGER

**Sacramento Valley Coin Club** held its annual dinner meeting January 11, at Perry Boy's Smorgy, with more than eighty members and guests present. The following officers were installed by **Les Lodge,** who was also the guest speaker of the evening: president, **A. G. "Hap" Yeager;** vice president, **Robert Martin**; treasurer, **Frank Taniguchi;** assistant treasurer, **Marie Cantrell;** recording secretary, **Marilyn Raines;** corresponding secretary, **Ralph Cox;** parliamentarian, **D. L. "Ace" Reiswig;** publicity, **Viola Thomas;** and auction chairman, **Earl Cantrell.**

The club's annual Coin-A-Rama will be held in October, a date to be announced later, at the Governor's Hall, on the State Fair Grounds.

SVCC is the host club for the Cal-State convention which will be held at the Sacramento Inn, Highway 80 at Arden Way, April 13-16, with "Ace" Reiswig as general chairman.

Regular club meetings are held the second and fourth Wednesday at 8:00 P.M., in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Building, 2784 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento.

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**Charles Story** was installed as president of the **Paradise Coin Club;** with **Ed Thomas,** vice president; **William E. Roberts,** treasurer; and **Frank Smith,** secretary.

The group was organized in 1964 with four members. Now it has sixty, with a goal set at one hundred by the end of the year.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday at the Memorial Hall on Skyway.

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New officers were elected at the December 9 meeting of the **East Bay Coin Club.** President, **Don Crosman;** vice president, **Jan Carroll;** secretary, **R. G. McArthur;** treasurer, **Don Thrall;** governors, **Sidney Haas, Bates Johnston, Craig Knudsen** and **Dana Booth.**

The program of the evening was a talk by **Sidney Haas** on "Coins of the Christian Era". Sid's talk was most interesting and was illustrated with coins from his collection.

The February meeting heard **Jan Carroll** give a talk on "Modern Copper Coins of China."

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**China Lake Coin Club** meets at 7:30 P.M. on the second Monday in the Community Center. Educational talks are given by member and guest speakers.

**Henry Doyel** is president of the seven year old club; with **James Campbell,** vice president; **Pat McClendon,** treasurer; and **Jack Lyons,** secretary.

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Future programs were announced by the **Peninsula Coin Club** (Palo Alto) to include "67" coins for January, that is, 1867, 1767, 1667, and even 1967 if available.

The club will hold its fifth annual Open House on March 27, with doors open from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. The site is the Recreation Center, 1405 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Competitive exhibits by members will be held, and there will be no bourse.

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The annual Christmas party of the **Diablo Numismatic Society** (Concord) was well attended, with the society furnishing ham and turkey, while members furnished covered dishes. It is reported the event was the best yet.

The society's bulletin, "Die-Break", has a new editor in the person of **M. A. Ezidro.** It is expected that **Mrs. Ezidro,** an English major, will aid in production.

Meetings are held at 8:00 P.M. in the IOOF Hall, Salvio St., Concord, on the third Monday.

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A CSNA Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to **Steve Album** by the **Modesto-Turlock Coin Club,** for his talk, "History of Tokens in California". Steve's talk was well illustrated with coins from his own collection.

The club meets in Turlock at the Divine Gardens on the first Tuesday, and in Modesto at the El Patio on the third Tuesday.

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**Lake Tahoe Coin Club's** eighth an-

nual coin festival at Harvey's proved a successful one for all those participating. Already dealers state they want to return next year.

Displays by local members were enjoyed by more than the two hundred persons who registered. Awards of best of show went to **Ann Fuchslin**; U.S. coins, **Adell Sellers**; U.S. currency, **Tam Shea, Jr.**; miscellaneous, **Mike Kell** and **Bob Danison.**

A proposal to establish a membership participation contest, with prizes to be given every four months, was passed by the board of directors at the December meeting. The plan calls for points to be given for certain member activities and the member with the most points at the end of the four month period will be the winner. Two points will be given for attendance, bringing a guest, recruiting a new member, preparing a display, giving a speech before the club, or writing an article that is accepted for publication in the club's magazine, "Coin Breezes".

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**Fred Tinkham,** editor of the Hanford "Coin Collector", dug deep for this choice bit from "Calcoin News", March 1954, written by **Dr. Nathan A. Bowers,** who was president of CSNA at the time. "How Coin Clubs Make Meetings Successful". Most coin club members attend meetings to: (1) See and handle coins; (2) buy, sell or trade coins; (3) learn about coins, their own and others. Finally, though coin clubbers may not realize it in advance, their success in these first three will be enhanced by taking advantage of a fourth opportunity, to (4) participate in activities so as to experience a sense of belonging.

Wise planning must search out and put to work talent from as many quarters as possible and must continually be finding or devising new program features and other means of building up and maintaining interests to the end that members will look forward to meetings; will be eager to come and willing to participate.

The meeting place of the **Hanford Coin Club** has been changed to the Community Room, Security Bank, at 7:30 P.M. on the first Tuesday of each month.

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**Northern California Numismatic Association** elected new officers for 1967: president, **Rudy Gjurovich;** vice president, **Edward Sins;** second vice president, **John Cobb;** secretary, **Lillian Hooker;** treasurer, **Roy Johnston;** past president, **Col. Everett Higgins.**

The membership voted on a new constitution, and to return to the Jack Tar Hotel in San Francisco for the coming September convention.

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**Central California Coin Club** of Fresno meets in the Fresno Realty Board Bldg. on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

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The new officers for 1967 of the **Pacific Coast Numismatic Society** are: **Don T. Thrall,** president; **Frank J. Strazzarino,** vice president; Mrs. **Dolly Mellinger,** treasurer; **Miss Maxine Bryce,** secretary; **George W. Sailor,** librarian; **Mrs. Mabel Patterson, Miss Ruth Ludwigsen, Roy Hill** and **John D. Sears,** board of governors.

At the January meeting **Steve Album** gave an interesting talk on the coins of the Islamic World. This takes in Lebanon, Syria, Iran, Jordan and Saudi Arabia. Steve's talk was well illustrated with coins from his own collection. Being a master of the language and having spent some time in the various countries of the eastern Mediterranean enabled Steve to translate and read the coins like a native.

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WEDDING BELLS RING! On Saturday, Feb. 11, **Cliff Liss** and **Irene Parker** were united in marriage. Congratulations — and it couldn't have happened to two finer people. They will continue to reside in San Francisco.

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ATTENTION ALL LOCAL CLUB SECRETARIES AND EDITORS: All minutes of meetings, club bulletins and information about coming or past coin-a-ramas should be forwarded to Jerry Kroeger, 1999 Ashby Ave., Berkeley, Calif. 94703, so that this information may be included in "Calcoin News".

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President Wm. McKinley was shot at the Temple of Music at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, N.Y., on Sept. 6, 1901. He died eight days later. A brass medal showing McKinley on the obverse and the music hall on the reverse was issued to commemorate the event.

# *South of the Tehachapis*

By PEGGY BORGOLTE

**DONATION TO KNOTT'S BERRY FARM**

**Orange County Coin Club,** CSNA Life Member 1-12, held its annual banquet and installation of 1967 officers at Knott's Berry Farm Jan. 20. **Walter Knott,** himself, was host to the group and personally conducted a tour of the new Independence Hall, prior to the banquet. During the festivities Knott was presented with a set of colonial currency to be placed on display in the Independence Hall. **Herbert Bergen,** past president of OCCC, made the presentation. Knott expressed his gratitude for the items, and stated they would be placed on permanent display. He told of the trials in attempting to construct an exact duplicate of a 230 year old structure, stating it was very difficult to design the structure to comply with modern building codes. However, the building now stands, and is an exact copy in every respect, including the famous Liberty Bell.

**Bryan Burke** was master of ceremonies, and **Walter Snyder** installed the 1967 officers: **Loren Rhynard,** president; **Ralph Mitchell,** vice president; **William Wisslead,** secretary.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Two CSNA charter members received their 25 year silver medals at the ANA convention in Chicago — **Ray H. Wilson,** CSNA No. 13, and **W. H. Buttram,** CSNA No. 154.

**DOWNEY NUMISMATISTS**

Downey held its first coin show Oct. 16, and it was reported to be a success. Best of show exhibit award went to **Roy Gray** of Pasadena for his display of Mint Errors. Best public appeal award went to **Rudy Pock, Jr.,** of Altadena, Animal Coins of the World. First place winners were: **Verna Crow, Mel Kohl, Rudy Pock, Sr., W. Doovas, Sally Marks, James Betton, Jr., Leona Kohl** and **Roy Gray.**

**THANKS TO L. L. LUNDBERG**

The following is taken from a letter to our CSNA president **Dan Harley** from **L. L. Lundberg,** president of **La Mesa Numismatic Society:** "We have had wonderful reception individually and collectively the past year in presenting worthy speakers the **CSNA Certificate of Appreciation.** We believe that in combination with the ANA award, the quality of the speeches, the personal accomplishments, and the pleasure of so awarding has been most gratifying." He then placed a request for sufficient certificates for their 1967 speakers.

We hear many complaints and welcome them—but rarely do we receive a thank you, so the above is music to our ears. Again, **Thank You.**

**DOWN SOUTH OF THE BORDER**

Jeanne Martin has written our secretary: "Dick (Dick Martin) is living down at Cosola, Sinoloa, Mexico, now. It takes about three weeks for a letter to make the trip down and a reply back. Dick is on a fairy-tale adventure — mining silver. As you may know, he has made several trips down, and this last one he left a couple of weeks ago. He really has no immediate plans to come back in the near future. The kids and I plan on visiting him down there around Easter time, and if all is going well down there we will move down in June when school closes. He is about 100 miles northeast of Mazatlan, about 1500 miles from San Diego.

"Dick says there's no coins there—people don't know what money is back inland where he is—they still use hides, corn, etc., for trade. He was disappointed at not finding anything, but they are very poor people who have never had money, and don't hardly know what coins are."

**HERE AND THERE**

Members and guests of the **Santa Barbara Coin Club** gathered for the first meeting of the year on Jan. 16. A friendly and informal affair, it was held in the **new meeting place,** the **City Recreation Center,** corner of Carrillo and Anacapa, in downtown Santa Barbara. The club will continue to meet in the Recreation Center at 8:00 P.M. on the third Monday of each month. Program for the March 20 meeting is the Government of Israel film, "Within The Circle", and all interested persons are invited to attend.

**Neil Osina** has just opened a coin shop in San Gabriel.

**Joel Retew**, Downey coin dealer, moved to a new Downey address — 7848 Florence, in Rives Square,

**Denzil Goble**, formerly of San Francisco, now has "A World of Coins" at 70 East Alameda St., Tucson, Arizona.

**1967 OFFICERS ELECTED**

**BAKERSFIELD COIN CLUB** — **Bea Pattison**, president; **Lowell Galyan**, vice president; **Jewell Duke**, treasurer: **K. L. Feer**, secretary.

**CANEJO VALLEY—Ron Servant**, president; **Ben Adams**, vice president; **Roy Foerster**, treasurer; **Peggy Devine**, secretary.

**CENTRAL COAST—Cecil Hogan**, president; **Hubert A. Scott**, vice president; **Frank F. Silveira**, treasurer; **C. W. Rager**, secretary.

**CROWN CITY—Earnest R. Croyle**, president; **Edward Stein**, vice president; **G. L. Wenker, Jr.**, treasurer; **Clara Rodgers**, secretary.

**DESERT COIN PROSPECTOR'S—Forrest Simcoke**, president; **Virginia Mueller**, vice president; **Doyle Sanders**, treasurer; **Bernice Crane**, secretary.

**FONTANA UNITED NUMISMATISTS—A. Ben Coon**, president; **Leonard Curlett**, vice president; **Sal Campagna**, treasurer; **Nona Moore**, corresponding secretary; **Helen Lucas**, recording secretary.

**GENERAL DYNAMICS** — **Arthur J. Dupont**, president; **Charles E. Berry**, vice president; **Virgil M. Hankins**, treasurer; **Roger W. Brown**, secretary; **Ethel M. Lenhert**, commissioner.

**ISRAEL COIN CLUB—Jerry Yahalom**, president; **Bill Sadler**, vice president; **Esther Taller**, second vice president; **Larry Crites**, treasurer; **Ida Steiner**, secretary.

**LAWNDALE** — **Laura W. Nemez**, president; **Clifford Kreizel**, vice president; **William Sadler**, treasurer; **Sally Marx**, corresponding secretary; **Evelyn Sadler**, recording secretary.

**LA MIRADA—E. E. Evarts**, president; **N. Perulli**, vice president; **N. Van Diest**, treasurer; **Norma Reardon**, secretary.

**LONG BEACH—Ida Mae Griffin**, president; **Walter T. Andrews**, vice president; **Jane V. Goodman**, treasurer and secretary.

**LOS ALAMOS VALLEY** — **Jack Lummus**, president; **Andrew Howard**, vice president; **Robert Lindberg**, treasurer; **Mildred Harp**, secretary.

**NORTH AMERICAN AVIATION & STAMP—Hugh Rust**, president; **Woodrow W. Allen**, vice president; **George Sterling**, treasurer; **Virginia D'Entremont**, secretary.

**NORTH HOLLYWOOD** — **Al Vendouris**, president; **Bob Fournier**, vice president; **E. M. Allfie**, treasurer; **Jo Ann Ellinwood**, corresponding secretary; **Sally Casalaina**, recording secretary.

**NORWALK—Mel Thatcher**, president; **Nick Perrulli**, vice president; **Richard Thatcher**, treasurer; **Otheta Stalnaker**, secretary.

**ORANGE COAST** — **Charles S. Geers**, president; **M. E. Price**, vice president; **Marion Owens**, treasurer; **Frank J. Sahr**, secretary.

**OXNARD** — **Ed Eden**, president; **Sandy Olson**, vice president; **Jess Silva**, treasurer; **Elva L. Stickney**, secretary.

**PICO RIVERA** — **Virgle Horton**, president; **Howard Brown**, vice president; **Vera Schymos**, treasurer; **Paul Schymos**, corresponding secretary; **Xenia Kreizel**, recording secretary.

**POMONA VALLEY—Clifford Kreizel**, president; **Jack Williams**, vice president; **Art Dupont**, treasurer; **Gwen Meyers**, secretary.

**SAN FERNANDO** — **Fred Bass**, president; **Edwin J. Gagnon**, first vice president; **George Price**, second vice president; **Beatrice Young**, recording secretary; **Irma Bass**, corresponding secretary; **Foster Hall**, treasurer; **Paul Lieberman**, assistant treasurer.

**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COIN CLUB—Gordon Z. Greene**, president; **Alva Christensen**, vice president; **Leona Heller**, recording secretary; **Dorothy Greene**, corresponding secretary; **Jack Williams**, treasurer.

**SANTA MARIA** — **Donald Dasher**, president; **Frank Anthony**, vice president; **Virgil Welsh**, treasurer; **Leland C. Lewis**, secretary.

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## MONEY INSPIRES EXPRESSIONS

Probably very few people realize that the many different forms of money throughout history have inspired several present-day expressions in the English language. But as Scrooge McDuck, star of Walt Disney's newest cartoon featurette, "Scrooge McDuck and Money", tells his three nephews, "If wheat and flour had not been used as money in ancient times, I might never have had any dough."

In ancient Rome, salt—called "salarium"—was used as money to pay the soldiers after a battle. If a soldier fought poorly it was said, "He isn't worth his salt." Later, the English word "salary" was derived from the Roman word for salt.

It is not known for sure whether the ancient Romans "salted" their salarium away or not. But today it is well known that a few people "salt" at least some of their salary away.

In later years when pirates sailed the seas, a Spanish coin called the "piece of eight" gained a lot of fame. This so-called pirate's loot was divisible into eight equal parts called "bits"—four made a half, two a quarter, thus deriving the common, present-day expression "two bits".

Today, if a person is talking about a lot of money he may say, "it ain't hay", or he might call a small sum "only peanuts", without realizing that both these items were each a form of money at one time in history.

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The pedestal of the Statue of Liberty contains silver coins. Enthusiastic workmen who built the 150-foot high base in 1886 showered into the mortar a quantity of coins from their own pockets.

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The world's largest pure nickel coins, each weighing nearly one ounce, are the Belgian 20-franc pieces minted in 1931. The smallest are the current 10-cent pieces of the Netherlands, each weighing one-twentieth of an ounce.

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The first Roman coins were clumsy lumps of bronze, sometimes cast bars of the metal. About 350 B. C. the Romans began to use a cast bronze coin called the "as" which at first weighed a pound.

# THE COINAGE OF ST. HELENA

By WILLIAM N. CLARKE

The rise in popularity of the coins of the British Empire has brought some otherwise obscure coins to the attention of the collector. One of these is found in the coinage for the Island of St. Helena.

The island itself is located some 1700 miles from Capetown and about 1200 miles from the nearest point on the West African coast, in the Atlantic Ocean.

It was discovered by the Portuguese in 1502 and was taken possession of by the British East India Company in 1651. In 1834 it came under the administration of a governor and executive council appointed by the Home Government.

St. Helena, originally used by the British as a coaling and refueling station, was almost completely isolated by the Suez Canal. The introduction of oil-fuel ships has reduced its importance still more. However, St. Helena with its capital of Jamestown still plays its small part in the affairs of the British Commonwealth.

The first coins used on the island were a mixture of Spanish, Dutch, Portuguese and English, with the ever popular Spanish dollar circulating freely.

In an attempt to provide a coinage of small denominations, an act was passed in 1683 to allow "sets of stamps bearing the figures 1 to 10 for stamping copper bars for currency at a penny per ounce". Owing to some objection to this "bar coinage", it was again passed in 1687 that "not more than half of any debt should be payable in it, the rest being met with coined money". And so, the business of the island was left in this chaotic state for the next 150 years.

The first coinage for the island was struck in 1821 by the East India Company. These coins were of copper, with the obverse bearing the arms of the East India Company (without legend) and the reverse showing a laurel wreath surrounding the legend: ST. HELENA HALFPENNY. with the date, 1821, across the middle of the coin. The coins were struck by Boulton at the Soho mint, Birmingham.

In 1834, by Act of Parliament, the East India Company surrendered the island to the Home Government.

It was just prior to the passing of the Act, in 1833, that the Company had decided to issue a silver coinage for the Island. Proofs in bronzed copper were prepared for halfcrown, shilling and sixpence denominations. They were very similar in design to the issue of 1821. However, with the change in government in 1834, the plan for a silver coinage for the Island was abandoned.

In 1834 the Island currency was nominally British sterling, supplemented by foreign coins. Unfortunately, due to an incorrect rating of the Spanish dollar to the pound, the tendency was for the British silver to be driven from circulation. This situation had such an effect that when the Island treasury was turned over to the new administration by the East India Company on March 1, 1836, it consisted entirely of Spanish dollars.

In 1834 it was passed by Order in Council that the dollar would pass on the Island at the rate of 4 shillings, 2 pence sterling, with all other non-sterling currencies being demonitized.

In 1880 the currency of the Island was restricted to the coins of Great Britain only. In 1959, however, the coins of the Dominion of South Africa were made legal tender.

In reviewing the coinage of St. Helena, it is interesting to note that not even so small and isolated an island could escape a token coinage. During the same period as the 1821 halfpenny, the following piece appeared on the Island. Obverse, the initials S.D.T. in script, surrounded by the legend ONE HALF PENNY. Reverse, Payable at St. Helena by Soloman Dickson and Taylor.

Although the Imperial coinage of St. Helena is limited to the 1821 halfpenny. no collection of British Empire coins is complete without this fascinating coin.

**—London Numismatic Society News Bulletin** (As re-printed in **The Canadian Numismatic Journal,** January 1967 issue.)

## BOOK REVIEW

**"THE COINAGE OF JAMAICA"** by Ray Byrne and Jerome H. Remick, is a 106 page booklet, paper cover, and very well illustrated.

Following several very interesting pages outlining the history of Jamaica, appear the following parts:

Part 1—A Listing of the Counter-stamped Coins Attributed to Jamaica and the British West Indies in General.

Part 2—Minor Silver Coins Issued for the British Colonies in General including Jamaica.

Part 3—Modern Jamaican Coinage 1869-1966.

Part 4—Jamaican Paper Currency.

Part 5—The Tokens, Plantation Rials, Metal Store Cards, Workers Tallies, etc., Used in Jamaica.

In most cases the mintage and present day value (in various degrees of condition) are shown.

This booklet should certainly be included in the library of every numismatist interested in the British Empire and Commonwealth, or in the coins of the West Indies.

If not available at your local coin dealer, it may be obtained from the publisher, Almanzar's, Suite D, Milam Bldg., San Antonio, Texas 78205. Price $1.50.

**"TRADE TOKENS OF WISCONSIN"**, by Gerald Johnson, has just been released.

This first of its kind work lists, describes and identifies nearly 4000 individual tokens used by taverns, mercantile stores, lumber companies, and kindred other types of businesses throughout the state since the early 1880s.

This handy size volume, printed on slick paper with stiff paper cover, contains 224 pages of detailed information, including some 200 token illustrations, of the tokens which for the past 85 years have filled such an important void in the economic climate of the Dairy State. A handy index key identifies tokens without name of city and state.

The book is priced at $5, and may be secured direct from the author, Gerald E. Johnson, 1921 Chase St., Wisconsin Rapids, Wisc. 54494.

## TRINIDAD HOLEY DOLLAR

### By FEDERICO CLAVERIA

### Santa Barbara

The Island of Trinidad was discovered by Columbus on his third voyage on the 31st day of July, 1498, and was named in honor of the Holy Trinity (Santisima Trinidad). The Island did not attract many Spanish colonists due to the lack of precious metals. The Spanish authorities were established there during the middle part of the XVI century.

During the war between England against France and Spain, the Island of Trinidad fell to the British in February of 1797. It was formally ceded to England in 1802. In 1940 the United States acquired a 99-year lease to the military and naval bases.

The capital is Port of Spain. The climate is warm and humid with an abundant rainfall. Exports include sugar, cacao, citrus, rum bitters, and asphalt which comes from Pitch Lake. The population is predominately Negro. The remainder are Indians from India, and those of French, Spanish and British descent.

Both Trinidad and Tobago (the small island) are popular as winter resorts.

It was on this Island that in 1811 Spanish American pieces of eight were punched with a circular hole with 14 scalloped edges. The large pieces circulated at nine shillings, and the "dump" or piece that was cut out went for one shilling. The dump had a script letter "T" stamped in the center with 18 dashes surrounding it, forming a sunburst. However, the holed large piece was not countermarked with its new value of nine shillings.

History reports that the large nine shilling piece from Trinidad, and the early holed pieces of eight from the Island of Dominica intermingled in circulation because of their resemblance, as neither were countermarked.

(Reprint from Santa Barbara Coin Club "NUMISMA.")

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**SPRING IS COMING**

And, so — remember — "Girls who know their onions, marry men with lots of lettuce, and wind up with plenty of carats."

# Society for International Numismatics

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The Society for International Numismatics (Los Angeles) makes the following definition: Numismatics divides into four subcategories: NUMIA, MESONUMIA, EXONUMIA and PSEUDONUMIA.

NUMIA is that area of numismatics which deals exclusively with circulating medium of exchange; specifically, all coins and paper money which is or was used in general circulation for everyday commerce.

1.—Regular general coinage.
2.—Regular issues of paper money.
3.—Commemoratives put into general circulation.
4.—Tokens and scrip in general circulation before general issues: e.g. Australia before 1910, Canada before 1858, New Zealand before 1933.
5.—Obsidional and siege pieces.
6.—Those restrikes which are put into general circulation only.
7.—Limited general issue for special purposes: e.g. M.P.C.'s.

MESONUMIA is that area of numismatics which deals with all coins and paper money which could have circulated as money, but did not, due to their being used as backing for currency, or for any other reason which kept them from general circulation.

1.—Proof, specimen and presentation pieces and sets of general circulating coinage or paper money.
2.—Commemorative issues of coinage or paper money issued to raise money and not otherwise meant for circulation.
3.—Bullion coinage.
4.—Mules and hybrid coins.

EXONUMIA is that area of numismatics which deals with the following:

1.—Primitive media of exchange.
2.—Substitutes for money: e.g. hard times tokens and scrip, notgeld.
3.—Special purpose tokens and scrip: e.g. transportation, vending, amusement, and parking tokens, canteen chits.
4.—Patterns, essays, trial pieces, experimental pieces, pieforts.
5.—Pieces de plaisir, mint sports, off metal pieces.
6.—Jetons and counters.
7.—Medals, medallions and medalets.
8.—Orders and decorations.
9.—Coin weights.
10.—Coin scales.
11.—Charms, amulets and temple pieces.

PSEUDONUMIA is that area of numismatics which deals with those items which were produced to exploit numismatists and collectors.

1.—Counterfeits, spurious pieces, forgeries.
2.—Beckers, paduans, "jewelry".
3.—Fantasy pieces, pieces de fantaisie.
4.—Restrikes, abschlag, refrappe.
5.—Electrotypes, replicas.

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## THE NICKEL FOUNDATION

The Nickle Foundation of Calgary, Alta., Canada, set up ten years ago by Calgary publisher Carl O. Nickle, has had as its main objective the furthering of history through numismatics. To achieve this end it has granted scholarships and other similar aids to education.

It is heart-warming to learn that many of our rare Canadian coins have found a permanent home in their country of origin, and the Canadian numismatic fraternity will be eternally grateful to this philanthropist who has made this possible.

Cal. H. Orton, B.A. (Hist.) of Calgary has been appointed honorary curator of the Nickle Foundation, and in this capacity has been instrumental in securing such rare Canadian coins as an Unc 1921—50c piece, Unc. 1921—5c, and choice 1893 round top dime, which, incidentally, is the rarest of Canadian coins. Another recent acquisition is an Edward VIII three pence, of which only a dozen are known to exist. This king, as Prince of Wales, was the only monarch to have had a close association with Western Canada. We have all heard and read about the famous E. P. Ranch which was located in the Pekisto Hills area southwest of Calgary —so it is most fitting that this city should have this coin.

(Reprint from the Valley Coin Club (Abbotsford, B.C., Canada) monthly bulletin, August, 1965.)

# COINS OF AEGINA

By JOHN FIES, San Francisco

We could not care to choose —

Between the coins of Aegina and those of Lydia,

Which came first?

We offer only to apprise you of some words of the lyric poet Pindar. His Odes of the fifth century before Christ were among the greatest of the Greek.

In them Pindar recited the deeds of gods, also great events, to reflect by comparison with them, the glory of the winners of Grecian contests such as were held during the Olympian, the Pythian, the Nemean and the Isthmian Festivals.

A fragment of an Isthmian Ode by Pindar speaks thus to an Aeginetan: "Famous is the story of Aeacus; famous too is Aegina, renowned for her navy. It was under heaven's blessing that she was founded by the coming of the Dorian host of Hyllus and Aeginius, beneath whose rule they dwell. They never transgress right, not yet the justice due to strangers; on the sea they are a match for dolphins in prowess."

Such testimony reflects, too, the fame of the coins of that island crossroads of ancient world trade of which Pindar spoke thus: "O mother of the Sun-god, Theia of many names! for thy sake men even set a stamp upon gold, as might beyond all beside;"

Theia was the principle of Light or Brightness. Light gives gold brightness, as if it were an image of the sun itself. Such turns men's minds that they seek and fight for gold and as needed stamp it as current coin.

You! The filler of holes in coin boards, the saver of rolls!

Pause if you can, in your numismatic rush!

Take time to contemplate such as the coin with the turtle symbol of Aegina and that which it represents. The coming of the Dorian Hosts. The glory of Aegina. Its justice to strangers. Its ships with the prowess of dolphins.

The coins of Aegina could they but speak — the wondrous tales they might tell. Stranger than any which imagination might conjure. Stories of joy or pain. Of calm or of battle, and thus of life and death itself. Of ancient ships driven before the wind or moved by galley slaves. Of young lovers and of old age. Paid here for bread or there for poison. Received for sale of labor or material things. Gambled, given, stolen, lost, tithed for good or paid for sin.

For those of you who are beginning numismatists — miss not these buried treasures. The memories of the people and times of the objects of your chosen hobby.

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**Author's Note:**

For those who may question the reference to coined gold of Aegina.

Pindar, when he wrote "for thy sake men even set a stamp upon gold", was writing about an Aeginian winner in the Pancratium 476 (?) B.C. If we can trust the dates at hand, Herodotus, who wrote of the gold and silver coins of Lydia, was at the time less than ten years old. Also the true gold coins of Croesus of Lydia were then less than ninety years old. Although we must allow for poetic license, Pindar must have had knowledge of "stamping on gold". Whether such knowledge pertained to coins of Aegina or even to other coins is not proven. That is admitted.

Aegina is a small island in the Aegean Sea near the Corinthian Peninsula of the Greek mainland. In the times considered herein, it had to support a relatively large population by trading. Its ships plied at least the Eastern Mediterranean and the Aegean. It was a most important trading station of the times. For the Aeginians to be aware of gold coins, yet have none, would seem speculative. Presumably they found silver coins the most convenient. Perhaps to make change for the gold rings of Egypt. Such would confine gold coinage to Aegina to special needs and limited quantities. Perhaps better scholars will wish to pursue this further.

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| New Members, Nov. 16, 1966 to Feb. 10, 1967 | 32 |
| Re-instatements | 2 |
| Resignations | 9 |
| Deceased | 2 |
| Address Unknown | 1 |
| Suspended for Non-Payment of 1966 Dues | 32 |
| Net Membership, Feb. 10, 1967 | 864 |

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|---|---|
| Total Life Memberships | 70 |
| 1967 Dues Not Yet Paid | 292 |

—CHARLES G. COLVER

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### RING MONEY STILL USED

Copper Manilla Ring money, made in England for the native trade, is still in use in the Congo.

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The dies for the $1 Panama-Pacific commemorative gold piece were made by the Medallic Art Company of New York. This was one of the few instances when government dies have been made outside of the Philadelphia mint. The designs were by Charles Keck of New York, and at that time (1915) the $1 gold piece was not a part of the regular issue coinage.

Money isn't everything, but it does encourage the children to keep in touch with you.

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The guide of a tour through the U.S. mint was asked why they stamp "In God We Trust" on the pennies. "That," he explained, "is for the benefit of people who use them for fuses."

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A coin, token or medal is called a mule when the dies which are used were not meant for each other.

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Expensive perfume is a matter of dollars and scents.

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# Numismatics

Numismatics is the science that deals with the age-old and world-wide subject of money in whatever shape or form it has been used as a medium of exchange in trade and commerce since the earliest historical time. In this subject there is such a great abundance of material for study and research that a lifetime can be devoted to it without reaching the end of its knowledge. Money is not only a medium of exchange of goods and services, but it is also a medium for measuring the fortunes of nations. If you study the history of their money you will learn the history of people in every country.

For those who are not inclined to serious thought and study, numismatics may become a fascinating hobby which is commonly called coin collecting. To this hobby one may also devote a lifetime without reaching full accomplishment. It is rarely that any individual collector succeeds in forming a complete collection of coins or currency from any one country whose coinage dates back more than a century. The Chinese are known to have coined money for more than 4,000 years, and no one yet knows how many different kinds of coins or other forms of money were made by these people. To complete a collection of coins and currency issued by our United States of America since it began minting money in 1793 is a goal which few collectors ever come close to reaching.

The pursuit of numismatics either as a science or a hobby may be inexpensive or most expensive depending on the taste and appetite developed for possession of coin books and specimens. Common copper coins often form the nucleus for attaining a great collection.

No one can hope to own a specimen of every coin from every country, but every collector can search for and find specimens sufficient for a representative display without a great financial outlay.

For every numismatist or coin collector there is always the prospect of some thrilling discovery. A rare coin or a hitherto unlisted die variety may be the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. A hoard of old coins may be found in a long buried jar or in a trunk in a dark attic by an almost forgotten ancestor. Who can tell but that some future coin collector will some day locate one of 19,570 silver dollars minted by the United States in 1804, of which less than ten are known to be in existence today.

Everyone is born with some measure of the spirit of adventure. There is no better or more pleasant way to satisfy this spirit than by coin collecting. Imagine finding an old Spanish gold doubloon or piece of eight washed up on the seashore from the briny grave of a ship that was once sailed by the pirates of the Spanish Main, or fancy finding a pioneer gold coin struck by the forty-niners of the California gold rush period.

If you are seeking new adventures you are sure to find a fertile field in numismatics.

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"You bachelors certainly have better looking flats than us married guys", a friend told the other after examining his apartment.

"Yes," he answered, "You married men may have better halves, but we bachelors have better quarters."